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(September 28, 2012)-The University of Minnesota, Morris made a significant leap in Washington Monthly's annual ranking of liberal arts colleges. Morris rose 68 places in this year's national standings, coming in at 105 as compared to 173 in 2011. It also ranked sixth among the 26 public institutions included on the list.

Washington Monthly assesses colleges based on their "contribution to public good," and its rankings are based on three broad and equally weighted categories: social mobility (recruiting and graduating low-income students), research (producing cutting-edge scholarship and doctoral candidates), and service (encouraging students to give something to their country and community).

"It's not enough to help students look out for themselves," claim the editors of Washington Monthly. "The best colleges encourage students to give something back."

Other Minnesota colleges included on this year's list are Bethany Lutheran College, Carleton College, College of St. Benedict, Concordia College-Moorhead, Gustavus Adolphus College, Macalester College, St. John's University, and St. Olaf College.

Washington Monthly's rankings reflect each college's achievement across the full breadth of measures, holding no single category higher than any other. In order to ensure that each measurement contributes equally to a school's score, Washington Monthly weights each category equally, standardizes each data set, and adjusts them to account for statistical outliers.

The set of colleges included in the 2012 rankings is slightly altered from that of the previous year. A full list of this year's rankings is available [online](#).

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